

Application No. 09/677,742

Remarks

The present invention pertains to imaging apparatus and the methods for forming such apparatus.

The Office Action mailed August 11, 2003 allowed claims 17-19.

The Office Action merely objected to claims 9-16 on the basis of certain identified matters of language consistency. Applicant has amended the objected to claims to provide the consistency of language suggested by the Examiner. Applicant has also made minor changes to claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 to address the same language consistency issued raised by the Examiner with respect to claims 9-16. These changes do not relate to the patentability of the claims.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), citing U.S. Patent Number 5,063,286 to Kaneko. The Kaneko reference describes a multi-chip image sensor. Each chip includes a plurality of charge coupled devices (CCDs) that are arranged into a line and fixed on a base through an adhesive. A stationary glass plate is mounted on and fastened to the sensor chips through a transparent adhesive.

The Office Action took the position with respect to claims 1-8 that the integrated circuit image sensor chips 13A, 13B constituted the first and second substrate, and that each CCD on each chip was the first and second imaging devices. Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that the first image device includes a plurality of first imaging structures, and the second imaging device includes a plurality of second imaging structures.

The integrated circuit image sensor chips 13A, 13B of the Kaneko reference are mounted on a single alumna base 11. The glass plate 17 is mounted on and fastened to the sensor chips, but not to the alumna base. Therefore, the elements of the Kaneko reference do not fit the arrangement specified in amended claim 1.

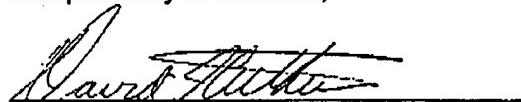
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Applicant therefore respectfully requests continued allowance of claims 17-19, and allowance of claims 9-16, the objections thereto having been removed. Applicant further respectfully request allowance of claims 1-8.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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